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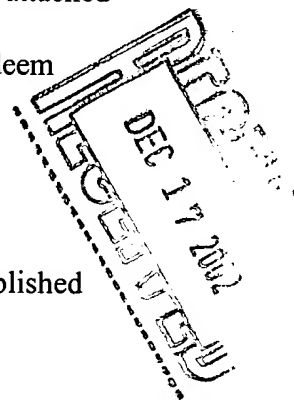
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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 2001-297272, published October 26, 2001.
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 10-49575, published February 20, 1998.




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- Prior Application 1 in relation to Claim 1
- Remarks

Described in the specifications and diagrams of Prior Application 1 is an information processing device and use method thereof for the purpose of the effective use of idle assets.

The prospective lender accesses the website screen of an information processing device and registers information in a loan information database by entering such information as the goods for loan, the name of the goods (for example, an automobile), the permissible loan period, and the storage location.

The prospective borrower uses a loan information search means to access the information and search for the desired loan goods in the loan information database.

The application for a loan contract by the prospective borrower is created by filling out a prospective loan contract application, and the prospective lender is notified of that intent. If the prospective lender accepts, a loan contract is prepared and the loan information database is updated.

While there is a tentative difference between the invention related to Claim 1 of the present application and the invention described in the specifications and diagrams of Prior Application 1 on the point that the invention of the prior application states "loan permissible period" in contrast to the "non-use period in which the personal automobile is not used" in the invention of the present application, this difference is nothing more than a specified minor detail for the purpose of resolving an issue, and there is no substantial difference.

- Prior Application 1 in relation to Claim 2
- Remarks

While there is a tentative difference between the invention related to Claim 2 of the present application and the invention described in the specifications and diagrams of Prior Application 1 on the point that "loan permissible period" is stated in the invention of the prior application in contrast to the "trip scheduled period in which the private automobile is not used" in the invention of the present application, this difference is nothing more than a specified minor detail for the purpose of resolving an issue, and there is no substantial difference.

- Prior Application 1 in relation to Claim 3
- Remarks

While there is the tentative difference between the invention related to Claim 3 of the present application and the invention described in the specifications and diagrams of Prior Application 1 on the point that there is the configuration of a web server in the invention of the Prior Application 1 in contrast to the configuration of the internet provided with inner organization in the invention of the present application, but this is nothing more than a specified minor detail for the purpose of resolving an issue, and there is no substantial difference.

- Prior Application 1 in relation to Claims 4 to 8
- Remarks

Refer to the remarks relating to Claims 1 to 3.
The control program is self evident.

List of Cited Literature, etc.

1. ~~Japanese Unexamined Patent Application No. 2000-112457~~ (Japanese Unexamined Patent Application No. 2001-297272)

<Record of Prior Art Literature Research Results>

- Searched fields IPC 7th Edition G06F17/60
- Prior Art Literature
Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. H10-49575

This record of prior art literature search results does not constitute a reason for rejection.

・請求項2に対して先願1

・備考

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・請求項4～8に対して先願1

・備考

請求項1～3に対する備考を参照。

制御プログラムについては、自明と認める。

引用文献等一覧

1. 特願~~2000-112457号~~(特開2001-297272号)

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- ・調査した分野 IPC第7版 G06F17/60
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